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FROM ARS

E.9. 11652: NA  
SUBJ: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE--AMIN MAALOUF

1. MAALOUF IS AN ASSISTANT CHIEF EDITOR OF "JEUNE AFRIQUE". A LEBANESE CITIZEN, HE FORMERLY WORKED FOR AN-NAHAR (BEIRUT) AND WAS KNOWN TO USIS THERE. HE IS MAKING HIS FIRST TRIP TO THE USA TO SEEK BACKGROUND INTERVIEWS AND INFORMATION FOR SEVERAL IN-DEPTH ARTICLES ON US POLICY IN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST.

2. DATES IN US: ARRIVE NYC AFTERNOON OF APRIL 2, LEAVES EVENING APRIL 9 FOR WASHINGTON. IN WASHINGTON APRIL 10-16 (OR LATER IF NECESSARY). HE MAY DO SOME PRIVATE TRAVELING AFTER WASHINGTON. HOTELS UNKNOWN NOW, WILL CONTACT FPC'S ON ARRIVAL NY AND DC.

3. ARS RECOMMENDS GREATEST POSSIBLE COOPERATION WITH MAALOUF, ALTHOUGH HIS VISIT OVERLAPS SOMEWHAT WITH THAT OF HIS COLLEAGUE RAPHAEL MERGUI (PARIS 09575).

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GENERAL TOPICS OF VISIT: A. CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S BALANCE SHEET AFTER ONE YEAR (BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS). FOR THIS, PERHAPS HE COULD MEET JOURNALISTS OR ACADEMICIANS OF VARYING TENDENCIES WHO COULD PRESENT A RANGE OF OPINIONS.

B. US POLICY IN AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST: HERE, EMPHASIS

SHOULD BE ON STATE OFFICERS AND OTHERS CLOSELY ACQUAINTED WITH HORN, SOUTHERN AFRICA, SAHARA, ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUES. ALSO, MEMBERS OF CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEALING WITH THESE ISSUES, ESPECIALLY CHAIRMEN, AND MEMBERS OF LOBBYING GROUPS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED WITH AFRICA AND/OR MIDDLE EAST, AND REPRESENTING VARIOUS VIEWPOINTS. (MAALOUF DOES NOT KNOW MUCH ABOUT "LOBBIES", BUT FINDS CONCEPT INTERESTING, AND EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO FIND ARTICULATE SPOKESMEN WHO CAN EXPLAIN NOT ONLY WHAT THEIR GROUPS FAVOR BUT HOW THEY GO ABOUT THEIR WORK.)

C. AMONG SPECIFIC INTERVIEWS REQUESTED, MAALOUF MENTIONED SENATORS ABOUREZK AND JACKSON; DR. BREZEZINSKI, AND AMBASSADORS YOUNG AND MCHENRY. HE IS AWARE OF DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING INTERVIEWS WITH HIGHLEVEL OFFICIALS OUTLINED IN 1977 CM-1237. NEVERTHELESS, ARS STRONGLY SUPPORTS REQUEST

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AS MAALOUF IS SERIOUS, OPENMINDED JOURNALIST WHO WILL BE WRITING EDITORIALS AND BACKGROUNDEERS ON US POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES FOR YEARS TO COME IN THIS HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL PUBLICATION. AT LEAST ONE INTERVIEW WITH A HIGH OFFICIAL WOULD PROVIDE EXCELLENT PEG FOR ENTIRE ARTICLE, INCLUDING VIEWS OF OTHERS.

4. MAALOUF IS DISTANT RELATIVE OF SAUDI UN AMBASSADOR BAROODY, WHOM HE WILL CONTACT DIRECTLY IN NY. HE ALSO HAS MANY OTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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RELATIVES IN US, ALTHOUGH THIS IS HIS OWN FIRST TRIP.

5. FPC'S: ADVISE ARS NAMES OF PERSON MAKING ARRANGEMENTS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS TO CALL ON ARRIVAL.  
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